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GEORGIA DOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CENTER CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

ATLANTA - Schools in every corner of the state will be joining their contemporaries from around the world tomorrow to celebrate International Walk to School Day. More than 100 Georgia elementary and middle schools will participate in the event to help promote the congestion reduction and health and safety messages of walking to school.

Sponsored by the Georgia Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Resource Center, International Walk to School Day is held every October -- Walk to School month. Celebrating 14 years of the program, young students will be walking and rolling to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders.

"International Walk to School Day events help create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize important issues such as traffic congestion, pedestrian safety, increasing physical activity among children, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community," noted Sarah Knight, Georgia SRTS Resource Center Manager.

International Walk to School Day was established in the United States in 1997 by Partnership for A Walkable America, a national alliance of public and private organizations committed to making walker safer, easier and more enjoyable.

A list of participating Georgia schools is attached.

Schools interested in Safe Routes to School should contact their local School Outreach Coordinator. More information about the Georgia Safe Routes to School Resource Center and the October 5 International Walk to School Day is available by calling the hotline at 1.877.436.8927 at www.SafeRoutesGA.org.

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